

HIGHWORTH RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL



ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

Medical Officer of Health

AND OF THE

Chief Public Health Inspector

FOR THE YEAR

1965

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HIGHWORTH RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

To the Chairman and Members of the Highworth Rural District Council

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in submitting my Annual Report on the health of the District for the year 1965. As this Report covers the first part of the year when Dr. Lamb was acting as your Medical Officer of Health, I wish to thank him for the help he has given me in providing information for that period.

In the main it has been an uneventful year for, apart from the usual bi-annual measles epidemic, there were no notable outbreaks of infectious disease, and the general health of the District was extremely good throughout the year.

I wish to thank the Chairman and members of the Public Health Committee for their support on public health matters. I also wish to thank Mr. A.G. Underwood, the Chief Public Health Inspector, and his staff for their ready co-operation and help given me during the year, and the Health Visitors working in this District for their assistance in environmental problems.

C.P.B. PARRY

Medical Officer of Health

Foreword

In this Report it will be seen, as I have commented in my introductory letter, that the health of the District during 1965 was extremely good, and so it might be of interest to look at the Report of the Medical Officer of Health for the District in 1905, sixty years ago.

In order to make comparisons easier, when figures are quoted for the 1905 Report, the present day equivalent is given in brackets.

In 1905 the population of the Highworth Rural District was 14,462 (34,340). The birth rate for the District was 29.6 (20.62) live births per 1,000 population, but such a high rate was offset by the appalling infant mortality, which was 104 (22) deaths of infants under one year per 1,000 live births. The causes of infant deaths in that year were given as prematurity, diseases of the lungs, tuberculosis and enteritis: there was even one death from measles. The Medical Officer of Health made an interesting comment on this high infant mortality. He said: "The question of infant mortality is one which is at the present time receiving considerable attention, as a high rate of infant mortality combined with a falling birthrate constitutes a national danger". He then went on to say: "A distinguished medical statistician has fixed the ideal infant death rate at 75 per thousand registered births". When one considers the present day infant mortality rate for the District, this comment makes interesting reading. Improper feeding and insanitary surroundings were given as causes of the high infant mortality.

In that year, by far the most important cause of death amongst all age groups was disease of the lungs, including tuberculosis, heart disease being the secondary cause and cancer the third.

Among the infectious diseases, there were no less than 94 cases of scarlet fever (15) and 39 cases of diphtheria (Nil). Tuberculosis seemed fairly rife among the population, although the Report gives no figures as to the number of cases, as tuberculosis was not notifiable in those days. The Medical Officer of Health commented on the large number of cases of scarlet fever as being due to an outbreak among the children living in the workhouse, no less than 40 cases being notified from this source. Overcrowding was given as a contributory factor and it was recommended that the workhouse be enlarged.

But if, today, the conditions of 1905 make depressing reading, it should be remembered that the Royal Commission on Poor Laws was set up in that year. This resulted in the Old Age Pensions Act, 1908, which provided a pension for needy persons over seventy years of age, the Labour Exchanges Act, 1909, which set up local labour exchanges to assist the unemployed, and the National Health Insurance Act, 1911, which provided domiciliary medical care for a large number of people who previously had relied on the charity of the doctor.

GENERAL STATISTICS

Area of the District (acres)	..	..	48,549
Estimated population (mid-year)	..	..	34,340
No. of inhabited dwellings at 31.12.65	..	..	11,536
Rateable Value	..	..	£1,781,956

Some idea of the growth of this Rural District can be obtained from the fact that only ten years ago the population was just over 22,000, the number of inhabited dwellings was 6,158, and the rateable value just £122,699, a fraction of today's figure.

VITAL STATISTICS

In calculating birth and death rates, area comparability factors are provided by the Registrar General to correct irregularities in the age and sex structure of the population. For Highworth Rural District the comparability factors are: births - 0.84; deaths - 1.02.

	<u>Highworth R.D.</u>	<u>England & Wales</u>
Birth Rate per 1,000 population	20.62	18.00
Death Rate per 1,000 population	10.68	11.30.

The birth rate for the Rural District is higher than that of England and Wales and, in actual fact, has shown a steady rise over the past ten years. This follows the general trend over the whole country. The figures for 1955 were: Highworth R.D. - 17.30; England and Wales-15.00.

Births and Infant Deaths

	<u>Legitimate</u>		<u>Illegitimate</u>		<u>Total</u>
	M	F	M	F	
Live Births	420	398	9	16	843
Still Births	1	2	-	-	3
Deaths under 1 year	12	6	1	-	19
Deaths under 4 weeks	9	5	-	-	14
Deaths under 1 week	9	4	-	-	13

It should be noted that there were 19 deaths under one year, out of a total of 843 births.

This gives an infant mortality rate of 22.53, which is somewhat higher than the rate for England and Wales, which is 19.00. This is of no real significance as the numbers involved are small.

CAUSES OF DEATH DURING 1965

The figures given below are taken from the Registrar General's Annual Report:

<u>Causes of Death</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Malignant neoplasm, stomach ..	6	2	8
Malignant neoplasm, lung (bronchus)	10	0	10
Malignant neoplasm, breast ..	0	5	5
Malignant neoplasm, uterus ..	-	1	1
Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms	14	18	32
Vascular lesions of Nervous System	17	39	56
Coronary Artery Disease ..	31	13	44
Hypertension	3	4	7
Other heart and circulatory disease	29	52	81
Respiratory Tuberculosis ..	1	0	1
Influenza	1	0	1
Diabetes	0	2	2
Pneumonia	4	12	16
Bronchitis	17	4	21
Other Infective and Parasitic diseases	1	0	1
Ulcer of Stomach and Duodenum ..	3	1	4
Gastritis, Enteritis and Diarrhoea	2	2	4
Hyperplasia of Prostate ..	2	-	2
Congenital Malformations	2	2	4
Other Defined and Ill-defined diseases	17	27	44
Motor-Vehicle accidents ..	2	3	5
All other accidents ...	7	2	9
Suicide	0	2	2
	<u>169</u>	<u>191</u>	<u>360</u>

Malignant Disease

This group of diseases did not play a major part in causing deaths in this Rural District. In fact, just over 17% of all deaths were caused by malignant disease.

It should be noted that malignant disease of the breast caused 5 deaths, whereas malignant disease of the uterus caused but 1. It is an accepted fact that throughout England and Wales deaths from cancer of the breast are between two and three times as common as those from cancer of the uterus, and this would seem to confirm the point made by many doctors that in cervical cytology clinics an examination of the breast should be carried out at the same time as that of the cervix.

During the same period, there were 10 deaths from cancer of the lung compared with 17 last year. These figures do not, of course, correspond to the general increase in the number of deaths from cancer of the lung throughout the country as a whole.

Cardio-Vascular Disease

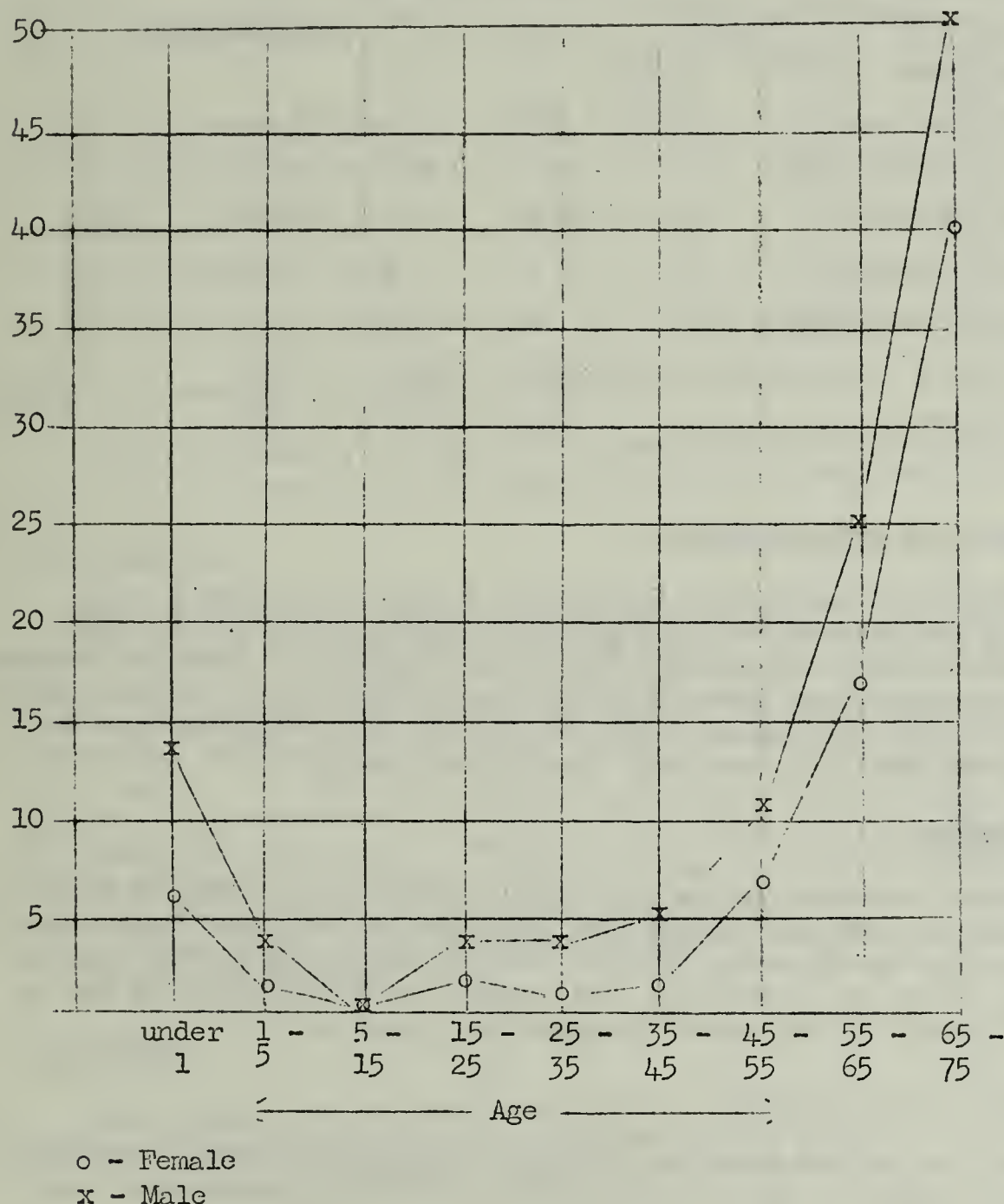
This group of diseases was the biggest cause of death in the District, accounting for 52% of all deaths. As could be expected, the vast majority were over 65 years of age. In fact, out of a total of 188 deaths from this cause, some 158 were in this age group.

Respiratory Diseases

Pneumonia and Bronchitis caused some 37 deaths: all but 6 were over 65.

The group under the heading "Other defined and Ill-defined diseases", which caused a total of 44 deaths, includes such conditions as prematurity and atelectasis in the newborn, certain renal conditions, diseases of the nervous system and senility.

Deaths in Age Groups



The following points should be noted:

1. In all age groups, with the exception of the over 75's, more males died than females. In the over 75 age group, not shown on the graph, 115 females died compared with 56 males. This, of course, was due to the survivors being predominantly female.
2. Deaths under one year (infant mortality) numbered 19, the causes being congenital deformities, prematurity, atelectasis and accidents.
3. In the 1 - 15 age group, there were four deaths, all of which were under 5. This group is usually prone to a high accident rate, but no deaths were reported from this cause.
4. There is a sharp rise in deaths over the age of 55, due mainly to cardio-vascular, respiratory and malignant disease.

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES

The following table shows the incidence of notifiable diseases in the Rural District during the following four years:

	<u>1955</u>	<u>1960</u>	<u>1964</u>	<u>1965</u>
Scarlet Fever	14	27	24	15
Whooping Cough	67	37	3	29
Poliomyelitis	2	3	Nil	Nil
Measles	360	5	36	378
Diphtheria	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Dysentery	5	60	50	6
Pneumonia	2	10	1	Nil
Tuberculosis	38	15	16	12
Paratyphoid Fever	Nil	Nil	1	1
Typhoid Fever	Nil	1	Nil	Nil
Food Poisoning	6	4	8	2
Puerperal Pyrexia	1	5	2	2
Malaria	Nil	Nil	Nil	2
Leprosy	Nil	Nil	Nil	1

Whooping Cough and Diphtheria

The general decline in the number of cases of whooping cough continues and no case of diphtheria was notified last year. These facts must reflect the success of the immunisation of infants, toddlers and schoolchildren by infant welfare clinics and family doctors in the Rural District. In actual fact, the last cases of diphtheria were notified in 1945: in that year there were 4 cases.

Poliomyelitis

No case of this disease has been notified since 1960 and in that year there were 3 cases which came from outside the Rural District but were admitted to Stratton Hospital for treatment. As in the case of whooping cough and diphtheria, the control of this disease is due to the efficiency of modern-day immunisation procedure.

Measles

1965 was a peak year for measles. This disease tends to occur on alternate years, as can be seen from the following figures:

1960	...	5
1961	...	523
1962	...	16
1963	...	514
1964	...	36
1965	...	378

Tuberculosis

As can be seen from the table, the number of cases of tuberculosis is declining. Modern methods of treatment, including anti-biotics, and our improved standards of living and housing are factors in the conquest of this disease, but the part played by the Mass Radiography Service in detecting early cases of tuberculosis is extremely important.

I am indebted to the Mass Radiography Service of the Oxford Regional Hospital Board for the following information:

The undermentioned industrial establishments were visited during 1965:

<u>Establishment</u>	<u>Numbers Examined</u>		
	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>	<u>Total</u>
Pressed Steel Company ..	5,535	89	5,624
Vickers-Armstrongs Ltd. ..	1,472	290	1,762
Marine Mountings, Ltd. ..	411	77	488
Deloro-Stellite Ltd. ..	319	73	392
15 M.U. R.A.F., Wroughton ..	194	35	229

Also, 145 cases were referred by general practitioners.

From this survey, a total of 7 cases of tuberculosis was diagnosed and 6 cases of lung cancer, of which 4 were inoperable.

Food Poisoning

In August, 1965, a woman visitor to a holiday camp in Bognor Regis was taken ill and, on her return home, she was admitted to hospital where a diagnosis of typhoid was made. In view of the fact that this woman had spent some time in the camp while incubating the disease, the local health authority decided to trace all contacts. In this Rural District there were no less than 21 contacts - 12 adults and 9 children, of which 7 were of school age. All these were carefully investigated and found to be negative to salmonella typhi. However, 2 children were found to be harbouring organisms of another group - those, in fact, which are a common cause of food poisoning. They were excluded from school and treated by their family doctors.

Paratyphoid

The single case of paratyphoid B was a member of the R.A.F. Regiment, who had contracted the disease in Aden and had been flown home to the R.A.F. Hospital, Wroughton, for treatment.

Malaria

The two cases of malaria were both servicemen, who contracted the disease in the Far East and later received treatment at the R.A.F. Hospital, Wroughton.

Leprosy

The one case of leprosy was a treated case, recently arrived in this country.

IMMUNISATION AND VACCINATION

I am indebted to the County Medical Officer of Health for the following figures for immunisations and vaccinations carried out in the Highworth Rural District during 1965:

Diphtheria, Whooping Cough and Tetanus

Year of Birth		1965	1964	1963	1962	1961	1956-1960	1950-1955	Others under 16
Primary imms. completed during 1965	Diph.	372	370	30	9	3	33	1	-
	Wh/c.	367	367	28	8	-	4	-	-
	Tet.	372	370	30	9	4	99	25	4
Reinf. injects. administered during 1965	Diph.	-	126	280	43	39	482	5	-
	Wh/c.	-	74	152	21	6	79	1	-
	Tet.	-	126	280	43	40	513	24	2

Smallpox

Age Group	Months				Years		
	0 - 3	3 - 6	6 - 9	9-12	1	2 - 4	5-15
Vaccinations	-	12	10	22	247	26	5
Re-vaccinations	-	-	-	-	-	17	41

Poliomyelitis

GROUP	3rd. Quad.	2nd. inj.	3rd. inj. or 4th Quad.	4th inj.	3 Oral doses	2 Orals after 2 inj.	4th Oral after 3 inj. or 3 Oral
1965	-	-	-	-	152	-	-
1964	-	-	-	-	424	-	23
1963	-	-	-	-	65	-	5
1962	-	-	-	-	29	-	5
1961	-	-	-	-	32	-	14
1956 - 1960	-	-	-	-	92	2	438
1950 - 1955	-	-	-	-	24	-	52
Others under 16	-	-	-	-	2	-	-
Others over 16	-	-	-	-	131	-	56
TOTALS	-	-	-	-	951	2	593

Primary Diphtheria Immunisations

	1964 Babies immunised up to 31.12.1965	1964 births	%
Highworth R.D.	686	792	86.6
Wiltshire County	7,567	9,245	81.8

It should be noted that most of these children who received diphtheria immunisation would, at the same time, have been immunised against whooping cough and tetanus, as it is common practice to use a vaccine containing all three antigens.

The above figures show that the percentage immunisation rate for the District compares very favourably with that of the County as a whole, and the importance of maintaining such a high standard cannot be too strongly stressed if the present decline of these infectious diseases is to continue.

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REPORT OF THE CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

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CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

AND HOUSING OFFICER

for the year

1965

TO THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE HIGHWORTH RURAL
DISTRICT COUNCIL

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in presenting to you my
21st Annual Report upon the administration of the
Public Health and Housing Departments.

During the year 1965, although the population
continues its upward trend, the staffs of the
Public Health and Housing Departments have maintained
a high standard of routine duties and have also kept
abreast of all new legislation.

I would like once again to place on record my
sincere appreciation of the help and consideration
shown to me by the Chairman and Members of the Public
Health and Housing Committees and also to all members
of the Council. My sincere gratitude also for the
co-operation and loyalty of the staffs of the Public
Health and Housing Departments and other Chief
Officers of the Council during the year.

My thanks are also due to the Medical Officer
of Health, Dr. Parry, for his co-operation and help
so readily extended to me on all occasions since
his appointment.

A.G. UNDERWOOD

Chief Public Health Inspector
and Housing Officer

SECTION ONE:

WATER SUPPLIES

Practically the whole of the District is supplied by public mains by Swindon Water Undertaking. None of the supplies is plumbo-solvent. Where it has been found necessary from bacteriological examination, owners of private supplies have been requested to install chlorination plants.

No major problems have arisen over water supplies during the year, as will be seen from the Tables.

WATER SAMPLING

Details of water sampling can be seen from the Tables on the following pages.

The unsatisfactory samples from the well supply in Chiseldon were from a public house there, and was the result of the landlord failing to keep the chlorination plant supplied with chlorine. Subsequent samples gave satisfactory results and I understand the public house is to be demolished to make way for a new one with a different satisfactory source of water supply.

The unsatisfactory sample of well water in Liddington was from a private house in the Parish. This property has now been improved with the aid of an improvement grant and a mains supply of water has been provided.

The unsatisfactory sample of well water at Inglesham was from a private house, where it is not possible to obtain a mains supply at the present time. The owner has been notified that all water must be boiled before drinking.

PARISH	POPULATION IN HOUSES	TOTAL NO. OF HOUSES	SOURCE OF SUPPLY	HOUSES ON PIPED WATER INDOORS	% PIPED IN- DOORS	HOUSES ON O/DOOR S/TAPS	HOUSES ON WELLS	% HOUSES ON WELLS OR S/TAPS
BISHOPSTONE	595	196	Lanny Down - Church Comm. Ogbourne, Swindon Corp. (Hinton supply)	194	98.98	2	15	8.67
BLUNSDON	1,721	588	Latton - Swindon Corp.	588	100	-	-	-
CASTLE EATON	301	77	Ashton Keynes-Swindon Corp.	77	100	-	12	15.58
CHISELDON (does not inc. service personnel in camps, etc.)	2,780	771	Ogbourne - Swindon Corp. Burderop Estate Reservoir	771	100	-	1	0.13
HANNINGTON	274	71	Latton - Swindon Corp.	71	100	-	6	8.45
HAYDON WICK	1,318	473	Latton - Swindon Corp.	473	100	-	1	0.21
HIGHWORTH	3,865	1,330	Latton - Swindon Corp.	1,330	100	-	5	0.37
INGLESFAL	129	39	Latton - Swindon Corp.	39	100	-	1	2.56
LIDDINGTON	346	116	Ogbourne - Swindon Corp.	113	97.41	3	1	3.45
SOUTH MARSTON	560	175	Latton - Swindon Corp.	171	97.71	-	4	2.28
STANTON FITZWARREN	204	69	Latton - Swindon Corp.	69	100	-	-	-
STRATTON ST. MARGARET	15,517	4,886	Latton - Swindon Corp. Ogbourne - Swindon Corp.	4,886	100	-	-	-
WANBOROUGH	1,960	687	Foxhill - Foxhill Estates	686	99.85	-	-	0.14
WROUGHTON (does not inc. service personnel in camps, etc.)	6,817	2,058	Ogbourne - Swindon Corp.	2,056	99.90	2	-	0.097
TOTALS:-	36,387	11,536		11,528	99.93	8	47	0.48

DETAILS OF ALL WATER SAMPLES TAKEN
IN THE VARIOUS PARISHES

PARISH	TOTAL NO. OF SAMPLES TAKEN CHEMICAL AND BACTERIOLOGICAL	TOTAL NO. SATISFACTORY	TOTAL NO. UNSATISFACTORY
Bishopstone	-	-	-
Blunsdon	2	2	-
Castle Eaton	4	-	4
Chiseldon	11	8	3
Hannington	2	-	1 (1 void)
Maydon Wick	2	1	1
Highworth	3	1	2
Inglesham	1	-	1
Liddington	1	-	1
South Marston	2	2	-
Stanton Fitz.	-	-	-
Stratton St.	-	-	-
Margaret	9	7	2
Wanborough	13	9	4
Wroughton	3	3	-
TOTAL:-	53	33	19 (1 void)

SAMPLING AND ANALYSIS OF PUBLIC SUPPLIES

No. of samples submitted for bacteriological examination	18
No. of samples giving unsatisfactory results	.... 2
No. of samples submitted for chemical analysis	.... 2
No. of samples giving unsatisfactory results	.... Nil
No. of samples submitted for fluoride test	.... Nil

PRIVATE SUPPLIES

PARISH	TOTAL NO. SAMPLES TAKEN	TOTAL NUMBER SATISFACTORY	TOTAL NUMBER UNSATISFACTORY
Castle Eaton	2	-	2
Chiseldon	2	2	-
Wanborough	13	8	5
Highworth	2	-	2
TOTAL:-	19	10	9

SAMPLING AND ANALYSIS OF PRIVATE SUPPLIES

No. of samples submitted for bacteriological examination	18
No. of samples giving unsatisfactory results	.... 8
No. of samples submitted for chemical analysis	.... Nil
No. of samples giving unsatisfactory results	.... Nil
No. of samples submitted for fluoride test	.... Nil

INDIVIDUAL WELL SUPPLIES

PARISH	TOTAL NO. SAMPLES TAKEN	TOTAL NUMBER SATISFACTORY	TOTAL NUMBER UNSATISFACTORY
Chiseldon	7	5	2
Liddington	1	-	1
Inglesham	1	-	1

SAMPLING AND ANALYSIS OF INDIVIDUAL SUPPLIES

No. of samples submitted for bacteriological exam. 9

No. of samples giving unsatisfactory result 4

No. of samples submitted for chemical analysis.... Nil

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SUMMARY OF ALL SAMPLING

Total number of samples submitted for bacteriological examination from public, private and individual supplies	50
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Total number of samples submitted for chemical analysis from public, private and individual supplies	3
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Total number of samples submitted for fluoride test.... Nil

TOTAL NUMBER OF SAMPLES TAKEN	53
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SECTION TWO:

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD, FOOD PREPARING PREMISES AND FOOD SHOPS

LICENSED PREMISES

All licensed premises in the district received an inspection during the year. Complete co-operation with the Council by the breweries helped to maintain good standards in all premises.

FOOD SHOPS - GENERAL

These premises are now inspected, where there are employees, under the Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act 1963 as well as under the Food Hygiene Regulations 1960. The influence of the Supermarket is being shown in the increase of self-service stores and the pre-packing of many types of provisions, cheese, meats and meat products and vegetables. The general standard of hygiene is good throughout the District.

COMMUNAL CATERING PREMISES

The number of catering establishments continues to increase with the development of land for residential and industrial purposes. New school kitchens, factory canteens and cafes have been established during the current year. The total number of communal catering premises in the area is now 36.

Of these, eight are industrial canteens providing nearly half a million cooked main meals annually.

Conditions found in the course of routine inspections were, in general, very satisfactory. No difficulty was experienced in dealing with minor infringements of the Food Hygiene Regulations.

LIQUID EGG (PASTEURISATION) REGULATIONS 1963

There are no egg pasteurisation plants in the District.

All the bakeries and canteens likely to use pasteurised egg were notified of the Regulations. It was not necessary to take any samples.

FOOD AND DRUGS ACT 1955

Food complaints were received as follows:-

1. Mould on cake.
2. Mould on cake.
3. Foreign object in loaf of bread.
4. Extraneous material in loaf of bread.
5. Mould on arralade.

With the exception of No. 5 which was of a very minor nature, all complaints were fully reported to the Public Health Committee. Court proceedings were taken in respect of No. 1 and the defendants pleaded Guilty, fines were imposed and costs were awarded to the Council.

In the other three cases strong warning letters were sent.

FOOD PREMISES

There are 230 food premises in the District many of which fall into several categories, i.e. general provisions, sweets and confectionery and ice-cream, all being sold at one shop. The following list gives the details for each parish and the nature of business carried out at each of the premises:--

PARISH	NO. OF FOOD PREMISES	TYPES * indicates also sell ice-cream
BISHOPTON	7	1 Public House 5 General Provisions (3 *) 1 Bakery
BLUNTON	11	1 Public House (1 *) 5 General Provisions (3 *) 1 Poultry Packer 1 Garage (1 *) 1 Licensed Club 1 Works Canteen 1 Hotel
CASTLE ETON	2	1 Public House (1 *) 1 General Provisions
CHISELDON	19	6 Public Houses (4 *) 8 General Provisions (5 *) 1 Licensed Club 1 Bakery 1 School Meals Depot 1 Garage (1 *) 1 School Canteen
HANNINGTON	3	2 Public Houses 1 General Store *
HAYDON WICK	9	2 Public Houses 3 General Provisions (2 *) 2 Confectioners (1 *) 1 Fried Fish Shop 1 Licensed Club
HIGH WORTH	35	5 Public Houses 11 General Provisions (8 *) 7 Confectioners (4 *) 3 Butchers 1 Fried Fish Shop 1 Licensed Club 1 Bakery 1 Slaughterhouse 1 Premises used for Storage only 2 School Canteens 2 Cafes 2 Hotels 1 Works Canteen

PARISH	NO. OF FOOD PREMISES	TYPES * indicates also sell ice-cream
INGLEHAM	2	1 Cafe 1 Youth Hostel
LIDDINGTON	3	2 Public Houses 1 General Provisions *
SOUTH MARSTON	6	2 Public Houses 1 General Stores * 1 Garage * 1 Cafe * 1 Works Canteen
STANTON FITZ.	1	1 General Provisions
STRATTON	88	9 Public Houses 24 General Provisions (19 *) 5 Butchers (2 *) 1 Poultry Packer 1 Chemist 4 Bakeries 6 Greengrocers (3 *) 9 Confectioners (5 *) 4 Fried Fish Shops 1 Wholesale Grocers 3 Licensed Clubs 1 Canning Factory 2 Slaughterhouses 1 Off Licence 4 School Canteens 1 Hospital 1 Hostel 1 Welfare Home 1 Cafe 9 Works Canteens
WAINBOROUGH	14	7 Public Houses 3 General Provisions (2 *) 1 Fudge Maker 1 Poultry Packer 1 Butcher 1 Baker
WROUGHTON	30	7 Public Houses (1 *) 1 Licensed Club 9 General Provisions (7 *) 2 Greengrocers 1 Baker 3 Butchers (1 *) 3 Confectioners (2 *) 1 Fish and Chip Shop * 1 School Canteen 1 Cafe 1 Works Canteen

TOTAL NUMBER OF FOOD PREMISES = 230

PREMISES REGISTERED UNDER SECTION 16 OF THE
FOOD AND DRUGS ACT 1955

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Premises used for the preparation or
  manufacture of sausages, potted,
  pressed, pickled or preserved foods      ....      7

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Premises registered for the manufacture and sale of ice-cream	-
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Premises registered for the storage and sale of ice-cream	96
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TOTAL NUMBER OF PREMISES REGISTERED :- 103

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PREPARATION AND SALE OF ICE-CREAM

There are no ice-cream manufacturers in the area, but 95 premises were registered for the sale and storage of ice-cream at the end of 1965.

The following Table shows the results of the methylene blue gradings of samples of pre-packed ice-cream taken from various shops in the district :-

Grade I	...	12
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Grade II	5
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Grade III	...	1
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Grade IV

Grades I and II are satisfactory and it should be noted that only one unsatisfactory sample was taken. In this instance a separate refrigerator was used solely for ice-cream and the only apparent reason was that it must have been one of an old batch. On re-sampling from the shop concerned, a Grade I was recorded.

The high percentage of Grade I and II results illustrates the amount of care used in the manufacture and storage of pre-packed ice-cream.

SECTION THREE:

MILK SUPPLIES: MILK AND DAIRIES REGULATIONS 1959
MILK (SPECIAL DESIGNATION) REGULATIONS 1963
MILK (SPECIAL DESIGNATION) (AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS
1965

Under the powers delegated by the Wilts County Council, the sampling of milk and the inspection of Dairies and Milk Distributors was continued throughout the year.

All samples of milk which failed one of the appropriate tests were followed up by repeat samples until satisfactory results were obtained. The most noteworthy point to come out of this sampling was that two more cows were found to be producing milk containing brucella abortus organisms. One was from a herd which had several cows affected at an earlier date, and the explanation was that this cow had been dry at the earlier date. This shows that there can be no let up in sampling for this purpose at the present time.

The latter part of the year saw the introduction of informal sampling for the T.T.C. test for the detection of antibiotics in milk. Two of the sixteen samples submitted for this test failed and were reported to the appropriate Food and Drugs Authority, in whose area the milk was produced, as only they could take any formal action. The weakness with this procedure is, that where the milk is pasteurised or sterilised at a dairy it is of necessity bulked milk and so it is virtually impossible to trace back to the producer. However, a scheme is to be introduced by these dairies whereby the milk from individual producers will be sampled by them and any offenders will be penalised by a reduction in the price paid to them for the milk.

1965 saw the introduction of the Milk (Special Designation) (Amendment) Regulations 1965, which introduced the new designation "Ultra Heat Treated milk", but as none of this milk is sold in the District at the present, they do not affect us.

A slight alteration in the frequency of sampling was notified by the Wilts County Council. It was to the effect that sterilised milk was to be sampled once every three months instead of once every month. As only four dealers sell this designation, it can be seen that this will not make a great difference to the total number of samples taken.

166 inspections of dairies and milk distributors were made. The previous high standard was maintained and no action was necessary.

Routine bottle rinse samples were taken throughout the year to check the one licensed distributor in the District selling untreated milk. 9 samples were taken, 4 were satisfactory and 5 were unsatisfactory. As can be seen from this trouble was experienced at one time when 5 consecutive samples were unsatisfactory. The usual operator of the plant had been away from work and the new operator, not being very familiar with the plant, took some time to find the trouble. However, once the trouble had been found and put right, satisfactory results were obtained again.

No. of distributors registered in the district	....	....	....	....	33
No. of producer/retailers in the district registered as dairy farmers by the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food	....	....	....	....	4
No. of dairies registered in the district..					6
No. of dealers licences....		....	....	....	38
No. of producer/retailers licences granted by the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food	....	....	....	....	4

Re-licensing of all dealers took place at the end of the year as the five year licence period ended on the 31st December 1965.

DETAILS OF SAMPLING DURING 1965

1. Tuberculin Tested Milk

METHYLENE BLUE TEST				BRUCELLA RING TEST			BIOLOGICAL TEST		
No. of Samples Taken	Passed	Failed	Void	No. of Samples Taken	Positive	Negative	No. of Samples Taken	Positive	Negative
63	56	7	Nil	106	17	89	19	Nil	19

2. Pasteurised Milk (including Tuberculin Tested (pasteurised))

METHYLENE BLUE TEST				PHOSPHATASE TEST			
No. of Samples Taken	Passed	Failed	Void	No. of Samples Taken	Passed	Failed	Void
357	329	28	Nil	357	347	10	Nil

3. Turbidity Test for Sterilised Milk

No. of Samples Taken	Passed	Failed
47	47	Nil

SECTION FOUR:

MEAT INSPECTION General

No problems were encountered in carrying out the work of meat inspection during the year despite a substantial increase in production at the Bacon Factory and a rise in throughput which commenced at the Stratton Abattoir towards the end of the year. Part of the increase in slaughtering at the latter premises was undertaken in the evenings and necessitated a limited amount of overtime on inspection.

BACON FACTORY, STRATTON ST. MARGARET

Production remained steady throughout the period, but at a higher level than the previous twelve months. The total number of pigs slaughtered was 46,493, an increase of more than 10,000.

The problems outlined in last year's Report regarding inadequate accommodation and a decline in hygiene standards due to the inability of the factory to cope with increased production have been largely overcome. The completion of a new extension to the premises has alleviated the congestion and most of the required works of repair and redecoration were completed by the end of the year. There is still insufficient pig lairage, but proposals have been made for the erection of new lairage accommodation and it is anticipated that this will be provided in the near future.

The annual figures relating to the incidence of disease show nothing significant other than a slight increase in the percentage of animals affected with tuberculosis. It has been the practice to notify the Divisional Veterinary Officer of the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food of cases of generalised tuberculosis in pigs and this was done in the case of the nine carcasses totally condemned. No information, however, is available regarding the Ministry's action.

ABATTOIR, STRATTON ST. MARGARET

Some change has occurred in the nature of the work undertaken at this slaughterhouse. Previously the premises were engaged almost exclusively in the production of cow meat for manufacturing purposes and a special service for the reception and slaughter of casualty animals. This continues, but there have also been a number of fat cattle slaughtered. In addition, the regular slaughter of sheep was commenced in the latter part of the year. This had the effect of a marked increase in condemnation of carcasses and offal as these animals were all old breeding stock. The majority were found to be suffering from heavy parasitic infestations and many carcasses were unfit for human consumption, the principal causes being emaciation, generalised oedema and anaemia.

THE INCIDENCE OF DISEASE (WITH SPECIAL REFERENCE TO TUBERCULOSIS) IN
PIGS SLAUGHTERED AND EXAMINED AT THE ST. MARGARET WILTSHIRE BACON FACTORY LIMITED

1962 - 1965

	1962	1963	1964	1965
Number of pigs killed and examined	16,405	19,542	35,957	46,493
<u>All diseases except tuberculosis:</u>				
Whole carcasses condemned	50	48	108	138
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	3,034	3,562	6,459	8,961
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than tuberculosis	18.7%	18.5%	18.3%	19.6%
<u>Tuberculosis only:</u>				
Whole carcasses condemned	1	Nil	3	9
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	860	547	1,004	1,622
Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuberculosis	5.9%	2.8%	2.8%	3.5%

CARCASES AND OFFAL INSPECTED AND CONDEMNED IN WHOLE OR IN PART

	CATTLE EXCLUDING COWS	COWS	CALVES	SHEEP & LAMBS	PIGS	HORSES
Number killed	613	1,373	19	1,374	46,534	-
Number inspected	613	1,373	19	1,374	46,534	-
<u>All diseases except tuberculosis and cysticerci :</u>						
Whole carcasses condemned	14	73	9	50	139	-
Carcasses of which some part of organ was condemned	107	809	2	710	8,969	-
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than tuberculosis and cysticerci	19.7%	66.7%	57.9%	55.3%	19.6%	-
<u>Tuberculosis only :</u>						
Whole carcasses condemned	-	-	-	-	9	-
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	-	1	-	-	1,623	-
Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuberculosis	-	0.07%	-	-	3.5%	-
<u>Cysticercosis :</u>						
Carcasses of which some part of organ was condemned	1	-	-	-	-	-
Carcasses submitted to treatment by refrigeration	1	-	-	-	-	-
Generalised and totally condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-

CARCASSES AND ORGANS CONDEMNED IN ALL

Beasts and all organs	.....	87	
Carcase meat	.....	9,696	lbs.
Heads	.....	22	
Lungs	.....	108	
Livers	.....	595	
Part Livers	.....	117	
Hearts	.....	30	
Kidneys	.....	75	
Sheep and all organs	.....	50	
Carcase meat	.....	14	lbs.
Lungs	.....	531	
Livers	.....	600	
Hearts	.....	2	
Kidneys	.....	2	
Pigs and all organs	.....	148	
Carcase Meat	.....	7,838	lbs.
Heads	.....	1,366	
Plucks	.....	641	
Livers	.....	1,658	
Lungs	.....	3,755	
Hearts	.....	935	
Spleens	.....	225	
Intestines	.....	1,104	
Flecks	.....	358	
Kidneys	.....	605	
Calves and all organs	.....	9	
Carcase meat	.....	62	lbs.

VOLUNTARY SURRENDER OF UNSOUND FOOD

During the year the following foodstuffs were inspected and found to be unfit for human consumption. Surrender notes were issued to the retailers concerned.

Pressed Ham	....	4 lbs.
Pears	....	12 lbs.

FOOD SAMPLING

Regular monthly sampling of meat products from the meat canning factory has been carried out during the year. Samples were submitted to the local Pathological Laboratory and all the results proved satisfactory.

SECTION FIVE:

FACTORIES ACT 1961

List of Factories in the District

Aero manufacturers and repairs.....	.....	1
Agricultural crop driers.....	.....	1
Bakers and confectioners.....	.....	2
Bakery Depot.....	.....	1
Brewing and mineral waters.....	.....	1
Brickmaking.....	.....	1
Blacksmiths.....	.....	3
Boot and shoe repairs.....	.....	2
Cabinet making and carpentry.....	.....	3
Carpet and mat manufacturers.....	.....	1
Concrete and concrete block manufacturers.....	.....	1
Electronics.....	.....	2
Electro-plating.....	.....	1
Engineers including repairs to motor vehicles and motor cycles.....	.....	27
Export packing.....	.....	1
Food canning.....	.....	1
Joinery, wheelwright, undertakers and woodworkers.....	.....	9
Laundry.....	.....	1
Metal sorting.....	.....	2
Motor body and caravan builders...	.....	2
Plant hire and maintenance.....	.....	4
Record player manufacturers.....	.....	1
Radio and television repairs.....	.....	1
Sausage manufacturers.....	.....	1
Saw mills.....	.....	1
Slaughterhouse with allied trades.....	.....	3
Wood box manufacturers.....	.....	1

TOTAL: 75

FACTORIES ACT, 1961

1. Inspections

Factories in which Section 1, 2, 3, 4 & 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities

Factories not included in above, in which Section 7 is enforced by Local Authority

Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by Local Authority (excluding outworkers' premises)

TOTAL:

NUMBER ON REGISTER	INSPECTIONS	WRITTEN NOTICES	OCCUPIERS PROSECUTED
4	-	-	-
69	55	-	-
-	-	-	-
73	55	-	-

2. Cases in which defects were found

Want of cleanliness, Section 1
Overcrowding, Section 2
Unreasonable temperature, Sec. 3
Inadequate ventilation, Section 4
Ineffective drainage of floors, Sec. 6
Sanitary Conveniences, Section 7:-

- a) Insufficient
- b) Unsuitable or defective
- c) Not separate for sexes
- Other offences against the Act (excluding outworkers)

TOTAL:

FOUND	REMEDIED	REFERRED TO I.A. INSPECTOR	REFERRED BY I.A. INSPECTOR	NO. OF CASES IN WHICH PROSECUTIONS WERE INSTITUTED
-	-	-	-	/
-	-	-	-	
-	-	-	-	
-	-	-	-	
-	-	-	-	
12	1	-	1	/
-	3	-	-	
-	-	-	-	
-	-	-	-	/
12	4	-	1	

OUTWORKERS

55 persons were notified during the year as engaged in outwork. On inspection all conditions were found to be satisfactory.

NATURE OF WORK	NUMBER OF OUTWORKERS	NO. OF CASES IN DEFAULT IN SENDING LISTS TO COUNCIL	NO. OF PROSECUTIONS FOR FAILURE TO SUPPLY LISTS	NO. OF INSTANCES OF WORK IN UN- WHOLESALE PREMISES	NOTICES SERVED	PROSECUTIONS
Plastic baby pants, pina- fores and nylon bonnets	18					
Tailoring	6					
Letter file manufacture	31					
<u>TOTAL:</u>	55					

OFFICES, CHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT 1963

In the district at the present time are 130 premises which come within the scope of the Act, all of which are registered. Two of these premises are still in the course of construction and these apart all have been inspected since the Act came into force.

Routine inspection of 110 premises was carried out in the year and no great problems were encountered.

Administration

One Public Health Inspector is responsible for the inspection and registration of premises and this occupies him for a small part of his time. The amount of time devoted to the clerical side by other staff, namely one typist, is a very small proportion of her work.

During the year letters have been sent to all employers regarding their responsibility to notify their employees of the provisions of the Act. In visits to be made during the next year this requirement will again be brought to the employers' notice.

General co-operation was received from both employers and employees and advice has been given on plans deposited with the Council for new offices and chops to avoid the need for alterations after completion.

Enforcement

Revisits during the year showed that all facilities had been provided in premises which in some way were found wanting on the initial visit in 1964. The two offices reported last year which required redecoration and suitable sanitary accommodation, and the lock-up Barber's shop which required suitable sanitary accommodation, have now had these works carried out.

One exemption certificate relating to the provision of running water was granted to a petrol filling station due to be closed due to road widening in the near future.

One complaint was received regarding the temperature in a small general store being below the required level. This complaint came from a customer who said she was protesting on behalf of

REGISTRATIONS AND GENERAL INSPECTIONS

CLASS OF PREMISES	NUMBER OF PREMISES REGISTERED DURING THE YEAR	TOTAL NUMBER OF REGISTERED PREMISES AT THE END OF YEAR	NUMBER OF REGISTERED PREMISES RECEIVING A GENERAL INSPECTION DURING THE YEAR
Offices	3	17	12
Retail Shops	14	88	82
Wholesale Shops, Warehouses	3	9	3
Catering establishments open to the public, canteens	1	16	13
Fuel storage depots	--	--	--
<u>TOTAL:</u>	21	130	110

ANALYSIS OF PERSONS EMPLOYED IN REGISTERED PREMISES BY WORKPLACE

CLASS OF WORKPLACE	NUMBER OF PERSONS EMPLOYED
Offices	97
Retail Shops	248
Wholesale departments, warehouses	313
Catering establishments open to the public	86
Canteens	14
Fuel storage depots	--
<u>TOTAL:</u>	758

TOTAL MALES: 334

TOTAL FEMALES: 424

OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT 1963

LIGHTING - Report for 1st October to 31st
December 1965

The inspection of premises showed that the general standard of lighting was good in all types of premises, no light meter readings were taken, the Inspector relying on subjective impressions.

Only in one instance was the lighting found to be inadequate. This was a small office in the corner of a furniture warehouse without any lighting at all, the clerical work being carried out by light from the main warehouse. A letter to the employer resulted in an electric light being fitted in the office.

No specific standard of lighting has been recommended to occupiers, and no instances of excessive glare have been noticed.

The Ministry of Labour Circular 9, Supplement No. 1, was received by the Council in Mid-August 1965 and although the Local Factory Inspectorate were contacted immediately regarding suitable light meters, the firms recommended by them could only supply meters on 12 weeks delivery. As a result of this a light meter was not obtained until mid-November and the pressure of other work on the Public Health Inspector involved prevented any readings being taken in that month. However, during the course of the next twelve months readings will be taken and details included in the next Annual Report.

SECTION SIX: PUBLIC HEALTH GENERAL

SEWERAGE AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL

The information on this item was kindly supplied by the Engineer and Surveyor

Work was commenced on Stage I of the sewerage and sewage disposal scheme for Wanborough and the majority of the sewers had been laid by the end of the year. It is anticipated that treatment works will be in operation by June 1966.

The scheme for Stage II (i.e. the sewerage of Liddington and Badbury) was submitted to the Ministry and is approved in principle but the Council have been requested to defer the scheme in view of the current capital restrictions.

A scheme for sewerage and sewage disposal at Inglesham has also been submitted and similarly deferred.

Some detailed design work has been undertaken on the extensions to the Blunsdon Treatment Works and will continue in the near future.

Private Developers are continuing to lay many miles of sewers which demand frequent inspection and some of these sewers have now been vested in the Council making the total length of public sewers now $54\frac{1}{2}$ miles.

DATA IN A C E

PARISH	NUMBER OF HOUSES IN 1965	N U M B E R O F H O U S E S				
		ON PUBLIC SEWER	PERCENT- AGE	SEPTIC TANK OR CESSPOOL	PERCENT- AGE	NO PROPER DRAINAGE
Bishopstone	196	79	40.31	97	49.49	20
Blunsdon	588	498	84.69	49	8.33	41
Castle Eaton	77	56	72.72	21	27.27	-
Chiseldon	771	686	88.98	54	7.00	31
Hannington	71	26	36.60	35	47.89	10
Haydon Wick	473	459	97.04	10	2.11	4
Highworth	1,330	1,239	97.22	78	5.79	13
Inglesham	39	-	-	32	81.00	7
Liddington	116	28	24.14	64	54.31	24
South Marston	175	78	44.57	67	36.57	30
Stanton Fitzwarren	69	65	94.20	4	5.80	-
Stratton St. Margaret	4,886	4,863	99.53	23	0.52	-
Wanborough	687	360	52.40	253	36.83	69
Wroughton	2,058	1,969	95.68	48	2.28	41
TOTAL:	11,536	10,406	90.14	835	7.24	290
						2.86

COMMON LODGING HOUSES

There are no registered common lodging houses in the Council's area.

OFFENSIVE TRADES

Marshgate Works, Stratton Road, Stratton

No complaints of serious nuisance during the year from this large animal by-products plant. Plant and methods of handling continue to improve and works of a major nature will commence during 1966.

Gut Scraping Premises, off Swindon Road, Wroughton

Small business situated in a very isolated position in the middle of fields. Occupier carried out improvements to interior of the building at the request of the Department during the year. No major structural improvements requested as the building, which is of wood construction, is likely to be affected reasonably soon, by major road works.

DISEASES OF ANIMALS (WASTE FOODS) ORDER 1957

The number of premises required to be licensed continues to diminish. Only five small "boiling plants" are now in operation in the District. All were inspected during the year and found to be satisfactory.

CARAVAN SITES AND CONTROL OF DEVELOPMENT ACT 1960

Although three sites received licences during the previous year for an increase in the number of caravans on these sites, only on one site was any of the necessary work started and there was still considerable work to be done at the end of the year.

An application was received for a site with 54 caravans at Haydon Wick on land which had planning permission for 10 years only. Eventually, after considerable discussions, a set of conditions were drawn up and the licence issued, but the operator decided not to continue with the site.

The existing sites maintained the previous standards and no action was necessary.

SUMMARY OF CARAVANS IN THE DISTRICT AS AT 31ST DECEMBER 1965

PARISH	INDIVIDUAL SITES	MULTIPLE LICENSED SITES	NO. OF CARAVANS ON MULTIPLE LICENSED SITES
Bishopstone	-	-	-
Blunsdon	4	3	104
Castle Eaton	-	-	-
Chiseldon	-	-	-
Hannington	-	-	-
Haydon Wick	3	-	-
Highworth	2	-	-
Inglesham	-	-	-
Liddington	1	-	-
Stanton Fitzwarren	-	-	-
South Marston	-	1	3
Stratton St. Margaret	1	5	54
Wanborough	2	1	2
Wroughton	-	2	61
<u>TOTAL:</u>	13	12	224

RODENT CONTROL

General

The routine treatment of notified and surveyed infestations continued as in previous years. Advantage was taken of the period in the Summer months, when few notifications were received, to survey as many as possible of the known black spots; so that when the seasonal increase in notifications came, not so many were received as might otherwise have been the case.

Routine inspections of the Council's Refuse Tip and Sewage Works were carried out and no large scale infestation was allowed to form, as was also the case with the sewers in the District.

During the year, notification was received from a farmer that his farm was infested with rats. On inspection there was found to be a major infestation and it was many weeks before the infestation could be controlled and finally cleared up.

The farmer had let the matter slide for a long time, hoping that he could control the rats himself with the smallest expenditure possible, and it was only when the number of rats became so great that he was losing money from the foodstuffs which were being eaten and damaged by the rats that he notified the local authority.

It was felt in view of this that if the barrier of paying for a treatment was removed, this might lead to earlier notification of infestations and easier treatments. In view of this it was decided to carry out the treatment of business premises free of charge.

The summer months were noticeable for the large number of wasps nests which were reported. In all 53 wasps nests were dealt with and where possible the nest was destroyed. The numbers of complaints regarding ants also showed a large increase over the previous year and 22 complaints were dealt with.

The fly complaint reported in the previous report arose again during the year and it was noted that thousands of starlings were using trees and bushes at a nearby factory for roosting.

Permission was obtained for an inspection of the land to be made and this showed that the leaves and branches of the trees and bushes and the ground were coated in bird droppings, in which flies were breeding. All the affected land and trees were sprayed with an insecticide and this brought an almost immediate relief and no further complaint was received from the area.

The full co-operation of the firm was greatly appreciated and in an effort to prevent a recurrence of the nuisance the firm has had the trees and bushes cut down.

	COUNCIL INSTALLATIONS	HOUSES	TRADE PREMISES	TOTAL	AGRICULTURAL
Properties inspected on complaint	1	207	31	239	7
FOUND INFESTED					
Rats	-	-	-	-	1
Minor	-	190	28	218	6
Major	-	-	-	-	-
Mice	1	16	5	22	-
Minor					
Properties Surveyed	117	80	21	218	12
FOUND INFESTED					
Major	-	-	-	-	-
Rats					
Minor	20	24	4	48	2
Major	-	-	-	-	-
Mice	-	1	-	1	-
Minor					
Total inspections	190	687	192	1,069	61
Total treatments	22	231	37	290	9
Block treatments	-	2	-	2	-

SECTION SEVEN:

REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL

A weekly kerbside collection was maintained during the year, despite the fact that new properties are coming on to the service at the rate of approximately 1,000 per annum. It is becoming increasingly difficult to recruit and retain labour for this service due to the strong competition in the labour market from industry. In order to offset this, it is hoped to prepare a bonus scheme offering a financial incentive for the staff, during 1966 and have this scheme adopted by the Council.

Two new vehicles, a 50 cu.yd. Shelvoke & Drewry Pakamatic and a 3 cu.yd. Bedford with Eagle side loading body, were working during the year and proved of great benefit. It is hoped to acquire another 50 cu.yd. Pakamatic during 1966 to augment the present fleet of vehicles.

Vehicles

<u>Type</u>	<u>Cubic Yard</u>	<u>Petrol/ Diesel</u>	<u>Acquired</u>
1 Dennis side loader	12	Petrol	31. 5.51
1 Shelvoke & Drewry	18	Diesel	21.10.58
1 Shelvoke & Drewry	18	Diesel	May 1960
1 Shelvoke & Drewry	18	Diesel	Oct 1960
1 Shelvoke & Drewry Pakamatic	50	Diesel	Dec 1964
1 Fordson Dexta Tractor for refuse disposal			Apl 1963
1 Bedford	3	Diesel	6. 8.65
1 Morris Commercial	10 cwt.	Diesel	16. 6.65

Staff Establishment

1 Foreman
5 Drivers
1 Spare Driver/Loader
1 Tractor Driver (for refuse disposal)
15 Loaders

Refuse Disposal

It was not found possible to acquire or get the necessary permission to develop a new site for refuse disposal, although a lot of preliminary work has been done towards this objective. However, as a stop-gap measure it is hoped to be able to obtain a small site capable of being used for two years at Hannington for the purpose of disposing of crude refuse by controlled methods. The existing site at North Wroughton will be completely filled by the end of 1966.

Statistical Details

Number of premises from which collection is made	....	....	11,536
Area of District	....	....	48,549 acres
Method of collection	....	....	Weekly, kerbside
Method of disposal	....	....	Controlled tip at North Wroughton.

SECTION EIGHT: PETROLEUM CONSOLIDATION ACT 1928

The following Table gives the total quantity of petroleum spirit, cellulose and calcium carbide stored in the district, and also the number of licences issued.

PETROLEUM SPIRIT

	<u>gallons</u>
Total quantity licensed for private users...	33,995
Total quantity licensed for filling stations	105,150
<u>TOTAL:-</u>	<u>139,145</u>
Number of Licences issued to Private Users...	60
Number of Licences issued to Filling Stations	19
<u>TOTAL:-</u>	<u>79</u>

The number of petroleum Licences, per parish, can be seen on the following table.

CELLULOSE

Total quantity licensed	....	2,100 gallons
Number of Licences issued	....	2

These Licences were all issued to private users as follows:-

Blunsdon	....	1	....	100 gallons
Stratton	....	1	....	2,000 gallons

CALCIUM CARBIDE

Total quantity licensed	....	91,952 lbs.
Number of Licences issued	....	3

These Licences were all issued to private users as follows:-

Chiseldon	....	1	....	2,240 lbs.
Highworth	....	1	....	112 lbs.
Stratton	....	1	....	89,600 lbs.

NUMBER OF LICENCES ISSUED

PARISH	NUMBER OF LICENCES		QUANTITY STORED IN GALLONS		TOTAL STORED IN GALLONS
	FILLING STATIONS	PRIVATE STORES	FILLING STATIONS	PRIVATE STORES	
Bishopstone	-	7	-	2,300	2,300
Blunsdon	1	2	11,000	450	11,450
Castle Eaton	-	2	-	800	800
Chiseldon	3	7	10,500	2,250	12,750
Haydon Wick	-	1	-	250	250
Highworth	3	11	18,000	3,150	21,150
South Marston	1	2	6,000	5,195	11,195
Stanton Fitzwarren	-	1	-	250	250
Stratton St. Margaret	8	13	46,150	14,200	60,350
Wanborough	1	7	1,500	2,250	3,750
Wroughton	2	7	12,000	2,900	14,900
TOTAL:-	19	60	105,150	33,995	139,145

SECTION NINE: HOUSING

HOUSING STATISTICS FOR 1965

1.	Number of permanent dwellings in district at end of year	11,287
2.	Number of permanent dwellings in district owned by Local Authority	1,970
3.	Number of temporary dwellings in district owned by Local Authority	196
4.	Number of applications for Council houses at end of year (Live List)	299
5.	<u>Inspection of dwellings during year:</u>	
i.	Number of dwellings inspected under Public Health or Housing Acts	900
ii.	Number of dwellings found to be unfit....	63
6.	Number of dwellings rendered fit in consequence of informal action	40
7.	<u>Action under Statutory Powers</u>	
A	<u>Proceedings under Sections 9,10,12 Housing Act 1957</u>	
i.	Number of dwellings where notices were served requiring defects to be remedied..	Nil
ii.	Number of dwellings rendered fit after service of formal notices	
	a) by owners	Nil
	b) by Local Authority in default of owners	Nil
B	<u>Proceedings under Public Health Acts</u>	
i.	Number of dwellings where formal notices were served	15
ii.	Number of dwellings made fit as a result of formal notices	
	a) by owners	18
	b) by Local Authority in default of owners	Nil
C	<u>Proceedings under Section 16, Housing Act 1957</u>	
i.	Number of Demolition Orders made	5
ii.	Number of dwellings demolished as a result of Demolition Orders....	2
iii.	Number of undertakings accepted to make fit or not to re-let....	3
iv.	Number of dwellings made fit as result of undertakings	Nil
D	<u>Proceedings under Sections 42,43,46,48 Housing Act 1957</u>	
i.	Number of dwellings in clearance areas upon which demolition orders were made	Nil
ii.	Number of dwellings demolished as result of demolition orders	Nil
iii.	Number of dwellings in clearance areas which have been retained as temporary accommodation	Nil
E	<u>Proceedings under Section 17,18,27 Housing Act 1957, and Section 26 Housing Act 1961</u>	
i.	Number of dwellings where Closing Orders were made	Nil
ii.	Number of dwellings closed as a result of Closing Orders or undertakings by owners.	6
F	<u>Proceedings under Section 76, Housing Act 1957</u>	
i.	Number of cases of overcrowding at end of year	Nil
ii.	Number of cases of overcrowding discovered during year	Nil
iii.	Number of cases of overcrowding abated during year	Nil

SUMMARY OF ACTION TAKEN UNDER THE

HOUSING ACT 1936/57

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DURING THE YEAR 1965

Number of Demolition Orders made	5
Number of Closing Orders made	-
Number of Undertakings accepted	3
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TOTAL:-		8
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Number of houses demolished	1
Number of Closing Orders lifted	1
Number of Undertakings cleared	-
Number of Demolition Orders revoked	.....	-
Number of Closing Orders replaced by Demolition Orders	.....	-
Number licensed for temporary occupation		-
Number rendered uninhabitable and adapted for use as agricultural stores	-
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TOTAL:-		2
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FROM 1945 - 1965

Number of Demolition Orders made	184
Number of Closing Orders made	25
Number of Undertakings accepted	108
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TOTAL:-		317
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Number of houses demolished	178
Number of Closing Orders lifted	9
Number of Undertakings cleared	78
Number of Demolition Orders revoked	.....	4
Number licensed for temporary occupation		4
Number rendered uninhabitable and adapted for use as agricultural stores	9
Number on which action is pending	35
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TOTAL:-		317
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LOCAL AUTHORITY TEMPORARY DWELLINGS
DEALT WITH

Closed or demolished	24 during 1963
Closed or demolished	76 during 1964
Closed or demolished	79 during 1965
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TOTAL:-		179
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STANDARD IMPROVEMENT GRANTS COMPLETED

FROM 1960 - 1965

<u>Year</u>	<u>Number of Grants</u>	<u>Amount of Grant</u> <u>Paid</u> <u>£</u>
1960	39	3,123
1961	34	2,778
1962	61	5,661
1963	33	3,940
1964	58	7,175
1965	30	4,235
	<u>255</u>	<u>£26,912</u>

DISCRETIONARY IMPROVEMENT GRANTS

Number of Discretionary Improvement Grants

completed during 1965 Nil

The total value of Discretionary Improvement

Grants paid during 1965 Nil

This brings the total number of Discretionary Improvement Grants completed from 1949 to 1965 to Two Hundred and Fifty Five, and the value of grant paid during that period to £69,137.

TYPES OF HOUSES OWNED BY THE HIGHWORTH RURAL
DISTRICT COUNCIL AS AT THE 31ST DECEMBER 1965

Traditional

Post-war aged persons bungalows	.....	67	
Pre-war houses	.....	475	
Pre-war aged persons bungalows	.....	27	
Wartime agricultural houses...	.....	8	
Post-war houses	.....	324	
Post-war flats	.....	68	
Experimental houses (Chick)...	.....	6	
Gregory flats	.....	8	
Warden scheme	.....	21	
Disabled person's bungalow....	.....	1	
			1,005

Non-Traditional

Reema aged persons bungalows..	.....	137	
Reema houses	.....	367	
Reema flats	.....	35	
Woolaway houses	.....	76	
Cornish unit houses	.....	120	
Cornish unit flats	.....	48	
Airey houses	.....	156	
Swedish timber houses	.....	8	
Cornish unit aged persons bungalows	.....	4	
			951

Ministry of Aircraft Production Bungalows 197

Miscellaneous Properties

Staff houses and flats	.....	5	
Site houses	.....	4	
			9
			TOTAL:- 2,162

HOUSING APPLICANTS - FAMILY DETAILS

Total applicants on "Live List" as at 31.12.65 = 299

FAMILY DETAILS OF 125 A.P.B. APPLICANTS

Spinster	Widow	Widower	Widow & 1	Widow & 2	Widower & 1
5	39	9	8	1	1

Man and Wife	Man/Wife & 1
53	9

FAMILY DETAILS OF 174 HOUSING APPLICANTS

Spinster	Bachelor	Widow	Widow & 1	Widow & 2	Widow & 3
5	1	2	2	2	1

Widower	Widower & 2	Woman & 3	Man and Wife	Man/Wife & 1	Man/Wife & 2
1	1	1	51	35	38

Man/Wife & 3	Man/Wife & 4	Man/Wife & 5	Man/Wife & 6	Man/Wife & 7	Man/Wife & 8
14	9	5	4	1	1

POST-WAR JOBS : NUMBER COMPLETED YEARLY

YEAR	PRIVATE ENTERPRISE	C O U N C I L					TOTAL
		T R A D I T I O N A L		N O N - T R A D I T I O N A L		C O U N C I L A P P L .	
		FOR INDUSTRY	COUNCIL APPL.	FOR INDUSTRY	COUNCIL APPL.		
1946	15	-	6	-	8	29	
1947	13	-	27	-	-	40	
1948	9	-	37	-	46	92	
1949	11	-	8	-	96	115	
1950	9	-	18	-	54	81	
1951	7	2	19	16	66	110	
1952	23	5	17	34	71	150	
1953	31	7	23	41	120	222	
1954	97	12	16	52	16	193	
1955	107	3	13	36	1	160	
1956	98	31	41	56	66	292	
1957	196	8	6	19	5	234	
1958	252	-	-	-	5	257	
1959	339	-	1	-	23	363	
1960	370	-	6	-	30	406	
1961	527	-	1	-	6	534	
1962	397	-	-	-	40	437	
1963	662	-	21	-	36	719	
1964	917	-	Warden Scheme 55	-	22	994	
1965	866	-	102	-	-	968	
TOTAL:-	4,946	68	417	254	711	6,396	

